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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Syozo KOBAYASHI, et al.

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REQUEST FOR PRIORITY

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SIR:

- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/762,888, filed February 12, 2001, which is the National Stage of International PCT Application No. PCT/JP99/04344, Filed August 11, 1999 is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

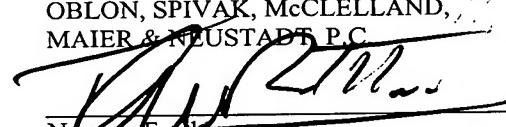
<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	10-227449	August 11, 1998
Japan	10-244175	August 28, 1998
Japan	10-251674	September 4, 1998

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number JP99/04344, filed August 11, 1999. Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
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